

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

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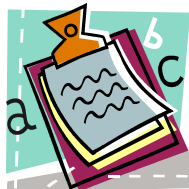
*January 2007
Labor Force Estimates
(not seasonally adjusted)
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region. There are eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions in Indiana. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

<u>RANK - January 2007</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
1	Crawford (9.3%)
2	Fayette
10	Blackford
13	Randolph
16	Henry
28	Wayne
29	Delaware
41	Union
60	Jay
62	Rush
92	Hamilton (3.6%)



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT January 2007

(not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.2%
Kentucky	6.3%
Michigan	7.7%
Ohio	6.2%

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	151,924,000	144,275,000	7,649,000	5.0%	5.1%
Indiana	3,266,011	3,078,156	187,855	5.8%	5.4%
Muncie MSA	56,842	53,062	3,780	6.7%	6.6%
EGR 6	170,911	159,236	11,675	6.8%	6.7%
Blackford County	6,872	6,349	523	7.6%	7.2%
Delaware County	56,842	53,062	3,780	6.7%	6.6%
Fayette County	10,854	9,880	974	9.0%	8.1%
Henry County	23,349	21,694	1,655	7.1%	6.5%
Jay County	11,780	11,130	650	5.5%	5.3%
Randolph County	12,894	11,927	967	7.5%	8.3%
Rush County	9,613	9,080	533	5.5%	4.8%
Union County	3,833	3,596	237	6.2%	6.4%
Wayne County	34,874	32,518	2,356	6.8%	6.8%
Muncie City	31,372	29,151	2,221	7.1%	6.9%
Richmond City	18,044	16,786	1,258	7.0%	6.8%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in January. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, 26 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 18 states registered rate increases, and 6 states had no change. In January the Midwest again registered the highest unemployment rate among the four regions, 5.0 percent. Hawaii again recorded the lowest unemployment rate, 2.2 percent. The states posting the next lowest rates were Utah and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each, Montana at 2.7 percent and Virginia at 2.8 percent. Michigan reported the highest unemployment rate, 6.9 percent, followed by Alaska and South Carolina at 6.4 percent each and Mississippi at 6.2 percent. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 10 states, and unchanged in 4 states. Mississippi recorded the largest over the year jobless rate decrease. Three states reported significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier—Massachusetts, Nevada and Vermont.

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_higtm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

MUNCIE MSA

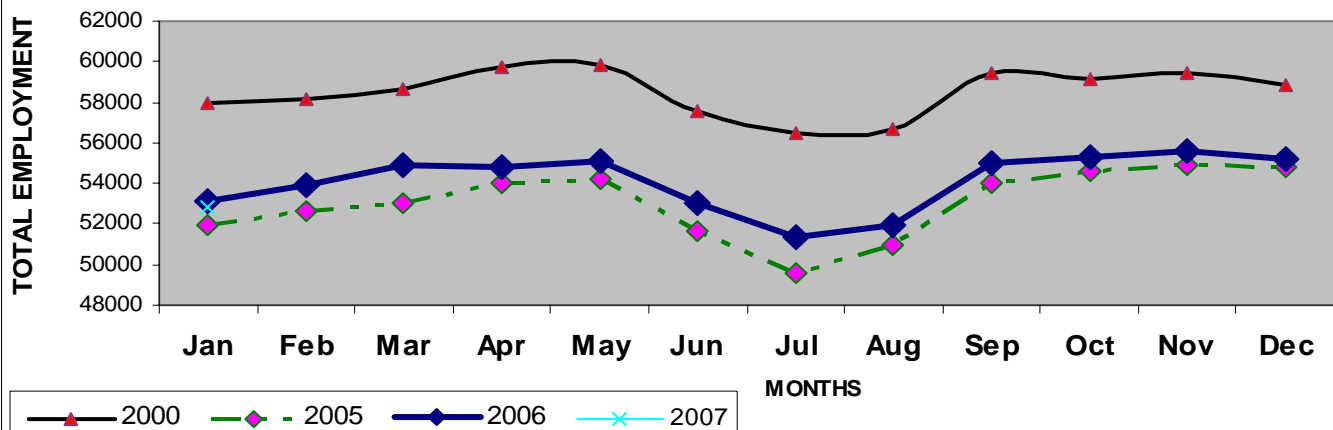
WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	JANUARY 2007	DECEMBER 2006	JANUARY 2006	DEC. 2006 TO JAN. 2007		JAN. 2006 TO JAN. 2007	
Total Nonfarm	52,800	55,200	53,100	-2,400	-4.3%	-300	-0.6%
Total Private	40,700	41,800	40,900	-1,100	-2.6%	-200	-0.5%
Goods Producing	7,600	7,800	8,300	-200	-2.6%	-700	-8.4%
Service-Providing	45,200	47,400	44,800	-2,200	-4.6%	+400	+0.9%
Private Srvc Provide	33,100	34,000	32,600	-900	-2.6%	+500	+1.5%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,100	2,200	2,100	-100	-4.5%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,600	6,200	-100	-1.8%	-700	-11.3%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	9,100	9,600	9,100	-500	-5.2%	+0	+0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	6,800	7,200	6,800	-400	-5.6%	+0	+0.0%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	1,100	1,200	1,100	-100	-8.3%	+0	+0.0%
Information	500	500	400	+0	+0.0%	+100	+25.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	5,100	5,100	4,700	+0	+0.0%	+400	+8.5%
Educational and Health	9,200	9,400	9,300	-200	-2.1%	-100	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,300	5,500	5,200	-200	-3.6%	+100	+1.9%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	12,100	13,400	12,200	-1,300	-9.7%	-100	-0.8%
State Government	7,500	8,700	7,600	-1,200	-13.8%	-100	-1.3%
Local Government	4,200	4,300	4,200	-100	-2.3%	+0	+0.0%
Local Govt Education	2,500	2,600	2,500	-100	-3.8%	+0	+0.0%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



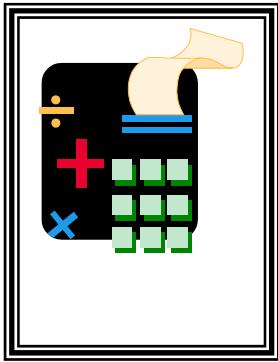
LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

The main data set produced by the U.S. Census Bureau's Local Employment Dynamics (LED) partnership is the Quarterly Workforce Indicators or QWI, a set of economic indicators that are formatted by different levels of geography, as well as by detailed industry, age and gender. Data can be queried directly by using the [QWI Online](http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/) Tool on the LED web site. The LED partnership publishes eight indicators on their site. More information on the Quarterly Workforce Indicators can be found on the Local Employment Dynamics web site at:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>



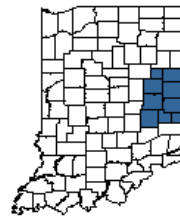
MONTHLY COMPARISON OF TOTAL CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	January 2007	December 2006	Previous Month % Change	January 2006	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	14,675	8,536	71.9%	11,195	31.1%
Auburn	17,909	12,937	38.4%	17,721	1.1%
Connersville	3,812	3,176	20.0%	4,193	-9.1%
Fort Wayne	27,877	19,839	40.5%	23,030	21.0%
Marion	9,427	6,801	38.6%	8,527	10.6%
Muncie	16,547	10,350	59.9%	16,757	-1.3%
Richmond	6,023	4,068	48.1%	5,661	6.4%
INDIANA	427,630	298,213	43.4%	389,630	9.8%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date March 4, 2007



Economic Growth Region 6 Wage Demand

AREA (03/04/07)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 6	\$23,990	\$18,720	12,551
Blackford	\$24,823	\$18,720	952
Delaware	\$24,080	\$18,720	3,746
Fayette	\$27,163	\$20,800	988
Henry	\$20,233	\$18,720	2,349
Jay	\$22,527	\$18,720	788
Randolph	\$25,160	\$18,720	966
Rush	\$46,564	\$20,800	364
Union	\$25,293	\$22,880	171
Wayne	\$23,026	\$19,760	2,227
Indiana	\$27,801	\$20,800	168,411

Wage Demand provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 6 includes Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties.

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,897
Production Laborers	3,919
All Other Machine Operators	3,365
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,821
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,500
All Other Hand Workers	2,450
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,793
Cashiers, General	1,649
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,620
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,617
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,573
General Office Clerks	1,449
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,411
Other Hand Material Movers	1,396
Machine Assemblers	1,363
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,306
Production Helpers	1,283
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,252
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,235
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,209



REGION 6 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in east central Indiana received during January 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

SELECTED JANUARY 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR EAST CENTRAL INDIANA COUNTIES

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.00	\$19.48	\$25.00
Pipe Fitters	12.05	12.05	12.05
Production inspectors, Testers, Graders	8.50	9.32	10.25
Waiters & Waitresses	5.15	5.15	5.15
Order Clerks	7.00	7.00	7.00
Bookkeepers	8.50	12.59	24.04
Salespersons: Retail	6.00	8.19	13.75
Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters	9.00	13.60	15.00
Numerical Control Machine Tool Operators	9.50	15.42	21.19
Production Machinery Maintenance Mechanics	17.20	22.06	28.85
Social Workers	8.90	10.67	14.42
Sales Representatives, Service	11.54	15.48	20.00
General Office Clerks	7.00	8.40	9.69
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	8.00	8.00	8.00
Foundry Mold Assembly & Shakeout Workers	12.00	12.00	12.00
Food Service Managers	6.00	11.02	16.83



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1											

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2											

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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